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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY DR. JOHN J. BENNETT,

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES DR. BENNETT'S VISIT AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT ASSURE ITS SUCCESS.

2. INITIAL CONTACT MADE WITH MFA COORDINATOR FOR NATO AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS DA RIN WHO INDICATED TENTATIVE ACCEPTABILITY PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 19 TIMING AND IS OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATING MFA APPROVAL TO MOD. HE WILL CONVEY OFFICIAL RESPONSE OF MOD TO US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANWHILE MISSION IS BEGINNING INFORMAL APPROACHES TO MOD TO ASSURE SELECTION OF MOST AUTHORITATIVE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE INTERLOCUTORS FOR DR. BENNETT.

3. WE WOULD HOPE TO ENGAGE PRESENCE OF KEY POLICY FIGURES IN BOTH MFA AND MOD AS WELL AS HIGH-RANKING LOGISTICS SPECIALISTS OF THE MOD AT MEETINGS WITH DR. ABENNETT. TWO FORMATS ARE LIKELY POSSIBILITIES: A SERIES OF MEETINGS, OR A ROUND-TABLE MEETING AT WHICH ALL WOULD BE PRESENT. EMBASSY FAVORS LATTER AS A TIME-SAVER AND MOST EFFECTIVE FORUM IN WHICH TO PUT FORTH DOD VIEWS AND SOLICIT COMMENT FROM GOI REPRESENTATIVES. WE WILL WORK TOWARD THAT KIND OF ARRANGEMENT UNLESS DR. BENNETT PREFERS OTHERWISE.

4. AS SOON AS FEASIBLE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD LIST OF EXPECTED GOI PARTICIPANTS AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE. SHOULD DR. BENNETT WISH SPEND WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20-21 IN ROME EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY MAKE WHAT FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY. VOLPE

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